WRITTEN ANSWERS TO UNSTARRED QUESTIONS

Allocation of power to Rajasthan from RAPS

†397. DR. PRABHA THAKUR: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the first and the second units of Rajasthan Atomic Power Station (RAPS), Rawatbhata have stopped generation of power;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) by when the power generation is likely to recommence;

(d) whether the State Government of Rajasthan has urged the units of RAPS set up earlier and the new ones coming up to enhance the State's allocation; and

(e) the details of the steps being taken by the Central Government to accede to the request of Rajasthan?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE (SHRI PRITHVIRAJ CHAVAN): (a) to (c) The first unit of Rajasthan Atomic Power Station (RAPS) started commercial operation in the year 1973 and had completed 31 years in 2004 when it was shut down for techno-economic evaluation on continuation of its operation.

RAPS-2, the second unit was shutdown for En masse Feeder Replacement (EMFR) which has been now completed and the unit is awaiting fuel loading. The unit is expected to restart early in 2009-10.

(d) Yes, Sir.

(e) The state will have its full allocation of 200 MWe on restart of RAPS-2 from the year 2009-10. In addition, Rajasthan also has an allocation of about 36% from RAPS-3 and 4 (2 × 220 MWe) and 13% from Narora Atomic Power Station (2 × 220 MWe) in Uttar Pradesh. The state will also have a share of about 20% from RAPP-5 and 6 (2 × 220 MWe) which is under construction and expected to be commissioned in 2009-10.

Allocation of captive mines

398. SHRI RAMACHANDRA KHUNTIA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has allotted captive coal mines to various Central and State Public Sector and Private Sector;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government is aware that NALCO, Orissa and NTPC's Kanhiya and Talcher Plants are closed because of the shortage of coal; and

(d) the total deposit of coal and the percentage of the coal being used for energy generation in India?

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